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January 31, 2008

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Magistrate Judge Mary Pat Thyng
J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building
844 N. King Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Re: *Parker-Hannifin Corporation v. Zippertubing (JAPAN), Ltd.*
Civil Action No. 06-751-***-MPT
Interim Status Report

Dear Judge Thyng:

I write on behalf of Parker-Hannifin Corp. ("Parker") and with the authorization of counsel for Zippertubing (Japan), Ltd. ("ZTJ"). This letter is being submitted in accordance with Paragraph 7 of the Court's Scheduling Order of September 11, 2007 (D.I. 16).

The parties have exchanged discovery requests, including extensive Requests for Production and Interrogatories. The parties have stipulated to a one-month extension of time to answer the requests, and the Court has so ordered. Accordingly, ZTJ's responses will be served by February 14, 2008 and Parker's responses will be served by March 4, 2008. The parties have also agreed to a schedule for the exchange of documents, beginning in mid-February 2008.

There is no protective order in place in this action. The parties are close to reaching an agreement on the terms. It is expected that a proposed protective order will be submitted to the Court for consideration shortly.

Once the parties have reviewed the responses to their respective discovery requests, the parties intend to further discuss the merits of the case and the possibility of settlement.

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The parties look forward to the Status Conference scheduled for February 7, 2008.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. DiGiovanni', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Francis DiGiovanni

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cc: Clerk of Court (via Electronic Filing)

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